

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for allocating operating control functions to operating-communications controls of an electronic device which is capable of executing functions of a plurality of electronic devices as switchable functions, the method comprising:

making available a predetermined number of operator controls assigned to respective operating functions of a first device type;

assigning respective operating functions of each further type of device to the operator controls; and

switching over the device among various device types, the operating functions of the operator controls being changed corresponding to the assignment.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising characterizing the operator controls using at least one of the following symbols from an audio field: a play symbol, a stop symbol, a pause symbol, a skip forwards symbol, a skip backwards symbol, a double arrow left, and a double arrow right.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the types of devices include at least one of the following types: a radio set, a television set, a traffic information system, a telephone, a navigation system, a vehicle-speed control, an air circulating system, a heating system and an air conditioning.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the electronic devices are devices in motor vehicle luxury feature electronics.

5. A device comprising:

a switching device for switching the device among various device types;

an assignment changing device for changing operator functions of operator controls changed with respect to assignments;

a display for indicating a type of device and corresponding operating

function parameters; and
operator controls in the form of keys.

6. The device according to claim 5, wherein the device is an operating console at least partially integrated into a steering wheel.